

Assateague Island National Seashore

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2007 Maryland District Summer Program Schedule Sunday, July 1 – Saturday, August 25, 2007

Program	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	Thurs	Friday	Sat
Go Fish Demonstration (1-1 ½ hours)	9:30 am			9:30 am			
Island on the Move (45 minutes, ½ mile)						6:00 pm	
Canoe Trips ★ (2 hours, 1 mile)			6:00 pm				4:00 pm
Aquarium Talk ♿ ★ (45 minutes)	3:00 pm	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
Bay Discovery ★ (1 hour)				3:00 pm	11:00 am	11:30 am	11:00 am
Horse Sense ♿ ★ (30 minutes)				2:00 pm	2:00 pm		2:00 pm
CSI Assateague ★ (45 minutes, ½ mile)	9:30 am		10:00 am	9:30 am			9:30 am
Happy as a Clammer! ★ (45 minutes)	1:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	10:00 am	2:30 pm		1:30 pm
Blue Crab Special ♿ ★ (45 minutes)	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	11:00 am	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	2:30 pm
A Walk at Dusk (1/2 hour)				7:30 pm			
Campfire Program ★ (1 hour)				8:00 pm			
Surf Rescue Demonstration ★ (1/2 hour)	Times will be posted at the designated lifeguard stands.						

★ Advanced Reservations Required. Register at the Barrier Island Visitor Center.

★ These programs are especially popular with children.

♿ Wheelchair accessible programs.

Program Descriptions and Meeting locations

Go Fish Demonstration – We provide surf rods, bait, casting techniques and instruction to help you learn the basics of surf fishing. Wear clothing and shoes for wading in the surf. **Meet** at the northeast corner of North Ocean Beach parking lot. **Note: program is for ages 12 and older. Duration:** 1 ½ hours.

Island on the Move – Visit a place recreated each day by ocean wind, shifting sands, crashing waves, rushing currents, and the change of tides. Join a ranger and explore this island on the move. **Meet** at the Ranger Station/Campground office. **Distance:** ½ mile. **Duration:** 45 minutes

Canoe Trip – Explore the marshes and bay by water for an unrivaled perspective of a seldom visited part of Assateague. Meet at Old Ferry Landing for a short briefing on basic boating safety and canoeing skills. **Paddlers must be age 14 or older.** All paddlers must have strength to paddle in windy conditions. Children ages 6-13 may sit in the middle of the canoe. **No children under age 6 permitted.** All equipment is provided. Wear clothing and shoes (no flip-flops) for wading. **Note: Reservations must be made in person at the Barrier Island Visitor Center. There is a \$20.00 per canoe fee for the trip, payable by cash or check only at the time of making the reservation.** This fee is non-refundable except when stormy or extremely windy weather forces cancellation of the trip. Canoeists with reservations must arrive on time or risk forfeiture to others standing by. **Meet** at the end of Old Ferry Landing Road. **Duration:** 2 hours.

Aquarium Talk - Join us for a look at the weird and wonderful creatures inhabiting the waters around Assateague. **Meet** at the Barrier Island Visitor Center. **Duration:** 45 minutes.

Bay Discovery – What’s that slimy stuff? What kind of fish is that? Watch out for those treacherous Blue Crab claws! Try our seine nets and take a closer look at marine organisms that thrive in the marshes and bay. Plan on getting wet as you wade the shallows. **Appropriate clothing and water footwear (no flip-flops) is a must.** **Meet** at the end of Old Ferry Landing Road. **Duration:** 1 hour.

Horse Sense - The horses are beautiful, tough and wild! Join a ranger and learn how the wild horses are uniquely adapted for survival on Assateague. **Meet** at the Ranger Station/Campground office. **Duration:** ½ hour

C.S.I. Assateague – What’s that? How did it get here? Where did it come from? Why is it here? “Follow the evidence” and solve these mysteries on this beach scene investigation. **Meet** at the Ranger Station/Campground office. **Distance:** ½ mile. **Duration:** 45 minutes

Happy as a Clammer! – Put on your **wading clothes and shoes** (no flip-flops) and learn the art of collecting hard-shell clams and ribbed mussels. **Meet** at the end of Old Ferry Landing Road. **Duration:** 45 minutes.

Blue Crab Special – During this “crab and release” program you’ll learn the mysteries of catching this delectable denizen of the bay, the Blue Crab. **Meet** at the end of Old Ferry Landing Road. **Duration:** 45 minutes.

A Walk at Dusk and Campfire Program - Enjoy a stroll to the beach campfire program for a fun and educational evening with rangers. Insect repellent recommended. **Meet** at the Ranger Station/Campground office for the Walk at Dusk leading to the campfire location. Late arrivals should park near the southernmost boardwalk in the North Ocean Beach lot and walk 200 yards south along the beach to the campfire. **Duration:** 1 ½ hours.

Surf Rescue Demonstration - Ocean swimming can be dangerous. Lifeguards strongly encourage your participation in this demonstration of equipment and techniques for ocean surf rescue. **Meet** at the designated lifeguard stand at North Ocean Beach.

Don’t forget sun protection, drinking water and insect repellent can make your visit much more comfortable and safe. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Please turn off cell phones during programs.